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|    | Plaintiff,                               |                                  |
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|    | V.                                       | STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS; |
| 14 |                                          | ORDER                            |
|    | EMILIA BARDINI, Director USCIS San       |                                  |
| 15 | Francisco Asylum Office, in her official |                                  |
|    | capacity,                                |                                  |
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| 17 | Defendant.                               |                                  |
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The parties, through their attorneys, hereby stipulate and respectfully request the Court to stay proceedings in this case for a limited time, until April 17, 2025. The parties make this joint request because they are pursuing an administrative resolution that may render further litigation of this case unnecessary.

1. Plaintiff filed this mandamus action seeking adjudication of his Form I-589, Application for Asylum and Withholding of Removal. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") scheduled an interview for December 18, 2024. USCIS will work diligently towards completing adjudication of the I-589 application, absent the need for further adjudicative action or unforeseen circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication.

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2. Plaintiff agrees to submit all supplemental documents and evidence to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the agreed upon scheduled interview. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit these documents 7 to 10 days prior to the interview may result in the interview being rescheduled at no fault of USCIS.

- 3. If needed by Plaintiff or their dependent(s), Plaintiff shall bring their own interpreter to their asylum interview. *See* <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13">https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13</a>. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to bring an interpreter to their interview may result in the interview being rescheduled at no fault of USCIS.
- 4. Upon receipt of the San Francisco Asylum Office's decision, Plaintiff agrees to voluntarily dismiss the case.
  - 5. The parties agree to bear their own litigation costs and attorney fees.

Accordingly, the parties stipulate and request that the proceedings in this case be stayed until April 17, 2025, at which time the parties will file a joint status report with the Court. At that time, the parties may request a further continuance of the stay of proceedings, dismissal of the litigation if appropriate, or placement of the case back on the Court's active docket. A stay of proceedings in this case will benefit the parties and conserve the Court's resources while the parties pursue a potential administrative resolution.

Dated: June 21, 2024 Respectfully submitted,<sup>1</sup>

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Dated: June 21, 2024 /s/ Chuangchuang Chen CHUANGCHUANG CHEN Attorney for Plaintiff **ORDER** Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED. Date: June 25, 2024 IT IS SO ORDERED Judge Donna M. Ryu DONNA M. RYU United States Chief Magistrate Judge 

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